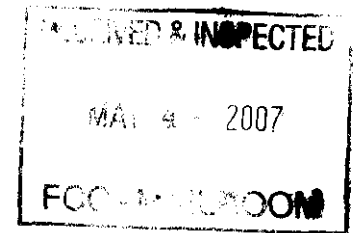


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Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: WC Docket No. 02-60 (Rural Health Care Pilot Program)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Poudre Valley Hospital (PVH) and Medical Center of the Rockies (MCR) support the application of the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network (RNHN) for funding under your Rural Health Care Pilot Program. For rural healthcare providers like the hospitals of the RNHN, the best means to access and leverage the resources of our hospital and medical center is through the use of technology.

Poudre Valley Hospital is a 241-bed regional medical center in Fort Collins, CO, which offers a wide array of treatments, surgeries, and diagnostic tests in more than three dozen medical specialties for residents of northern Colorado, southern Wyoming, and western Nebraska. Drawing on the experience of more than 2,000 health care professionals and the latest technology, these specialties include orthopedic, neuroscience, cancer, bariatric weight-loss surgery, and women and family services.

The newest member of the Poudre Valley Health System, the Medical Center of the Rockies is a 136 bed hospital located in Loveland, CO. The Medical Center of the Rockies offers a full spectrum of services for residents of the region, with specialties in cardiac and trauma care and a service area that extends to northern Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

The use and proliferation of telehealth and telemedicine applications in recent times has dramatically improved the ability of rural healthcare providers to keep track of and stay current with advances in medical care. In addition, many patients from the Nebraska Panhandle are treated at PVH or MCR. Because the network contemplated in the grant application would enhance our ability to improve care in these situations, we believe this project is very worthy of your consideration.

Sincerely,

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